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# THE TALE OF THE INDIAN

AND THEIR HALF BROTHERS

RELATED BY ONE WHO DWELT LONG AMONGST THEM—PICTURESQUE TRADITIONS AND LEGENDS OF THE NATIVES OF THE WESTERN PLAINS

## A Pathetic Tale of Indian Life and Tragedy

THE TRAGIC STRUGGLE BETWEEN TWO ELEMENTS—THE FATE OF AN INDIAN MAID—LOST ILLUSIONS—A BEAUTIFUL DREAM.

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Aliza was petite, pretty, and popular. From her friends, Cree mother she had inherited a happy care-free disposition; with her character banded down from her Assiniboine Indian father. She had recently returned from college to again take up, after twelve years' separation from her parents, a life among the Indians.

### Transition Period

The change from the quiet seclusion of school to the wild, open, free existence on the reserve appealed to her native instincts. Whether among whites or reds, young or old, her happy smile and kindly ways made her a universal favorite.

### Mary and Joseph

Seventeen years before, Mary Klyne, the attractive eldest daughter of a well-to-do half-breed family, had married Cree mother she had inherited a happy care-free disposition; with her character banded down from her Assiniboine Indian father. She had recently returned from college to again take up, after twelve years' separation from her parents, a life among the Indians.

Father Hugonard once told me of an interesting incident in connection with the event. When the necessary records were being entered, Penkard asked that he might be given a Christian name. The priest met the situation promptly. "Your mother is Mary, why should you not be Joseph?" And Joseph he was to the end of the chapter.

### A Generous Uncle

A year later, when Joseph and Mary Penkard presented their first-born to the priest for baptism, it was their request that she might be named Aliza.

On this occasion the little girl's Irish uncle, Tom Kabanagh, husband of her mother's sister, sister Annette, asked that he might be charged with his niece's education. And so when four years of age she became a resident in the mission school, where for six years she was under the careful supervision of Madame Desjarlais and was, at the end of that period, transferred to St. Boniface Ladies' College. No provision had been made for suitable guardianship at the close of her school attendance. Fatal omission!

### Aliza Graduates

Graduating at sixteen she returned to her parents (now living on the reservation) from whom she had been separated for twelve long years. Aliza's uncle and his wife asserted guardianship but since it was "not so mentioned in the bond" the mother's will prevailed. She could not forego the ambition to have her cultured daughter an inmate of her own school, regardless of the temptations that might beset her untutored nature amid the environments of an Indian reserve.

### Contrasts

The situation was full of contrasts. The contrast of her Indian companion of stodgey build, their raven locks open to the breezes and the sunlight, with the little girl graduate, whose hair was carefully groomed and gracefully coiled to suit the shape of her perfectly starched and laundered sun bonnet.

The contrast between the neatly bodiced dress, the coarsely fashioned gown, the cashmere stockings and soft leather boots worn by the happy girl just out of school, with the unhampered development of waist line so characteristic of the Indian girl of that day with her blanket covering her flannel leggings and her moccasins footwear—what a contrast, more especially between the girl, the dignity, the polish, the poise, resulting from six years of faithful training under the moulding and controlling influence of the Sisters of St. Boniface, in their zealous devotion to duty, on the one hand and on the other hand the untutored Indian companions, rude and unkempt, though honest vital, into whose life Aliza's Aliza had now entered.

### Was It Fair?

Was it fair, play on the part of fate, that a pure, tenderly nurtured girl, a young being persecuted

by her mother to remain under the parental roof, find it so difficult accompanying her husband on the long winter's hunt.

O the tragedy of it all! Pierre was not to be balked. If his wife would not accompany him some other woman would—and did.

"Woman! No point so high she cannot climb. No place so low she may not fall."

Pierre never returned to the reserve. Before the opening of spring Aliza's mother realized the unwisdom of her interference with her daughter's domestic concerns. Left to her own guidance and resources Aliza lost her bearings. She fell! She became a moral wreck. Strong efforts, by both church and state, by priest and Commissioner, were put forth to redeem the situation. An asylum was found for Aliza in a large industrial school. She abandoned and fell still lower.

Weeks after she was found in a secluded part of the reserve and now a physical wreck, was again placed at home in the school. Excepting again, she was found weeks after, but now had become insane.

This could not continue. Her frail body gave way. For weeks she lay unconscious nursed and cared for by members of that noble order of Sisters who behind all the sin and sorrow, can still see sparks of good.

The End.

Then one morning Aliza awoke and looked around. The Sister quietly approached and saw that the mind of the patient had been restored. "Have I been ill?" asked the poor, sick woman, devoutly kissing the crucifix in the nurse's hand, adding, "I felt so well and strong when I left St. Boniface yesterday."

The All-Wise Father had graciously blotted from her mind all memory of the intervening years. She was again the happy Aliza just out of school on the way home to see her mother.

Then She Slept

As morning dawned she awoke and attracted the nurse's attention. "O, Sister," she exclaimed, "I have had such a wonderful dream. I stood on the bank of a dark, deep river and on the other side were three beautiful children in dazzling sunlight. They waved their little hands to me and asked me to cross over."

The Sister prayed on in silence. Suddenly a bright, happy smile illumined the face of Aliza as with her last breath she whispered, "See children."

Pierre Marries

One morning in January Pierre called at the mission and asked for a conference with Father Hugonard. After the usual salutations and preliminaries, he said, "You know, Father," he observed, "I have never undertaken any matter of importance without consulting you. Why, then, should I not come to you for advice now when I have decided to marry?"

For some moments the Father hesitated, then replied: "I am pleased, my son, that you have come to me at this time, not only because it is proper that you take counsel with your spiritual confessor, but for the more practical reason that I know a young woman who, I think, will be a suitable wife for you. I tell it to you that you have not already made a choice?"

"Where and when may I see her?" parried Pierre, not answering the priest's question.

"On Sunday," the Father told him, "the young woman will attend mass here with her mother. Both will dine that day with the girl's uncle, a few miles away. I will see to it that you also are invited."

Before the advent of the Lenten season Pierre and Aliza were married.

A season of feasting and dancing followed. Pierre was what we term in these days a good mixer. Whether in the home of his people, answering the call of the fiddle or among his red friends on the reserve, moved by the sounds from the tom-tom, he was equally at home.

Time Flies

The years passed. Pierre retained and cultivated his valley farm as well as a field on the Indian reserve. He also kept up his winter hunting expeditions. The children grew to manhood, then, all of whom died in infancy.

Aliza's mother never became reconciled to her daughter's long absence from her sight, which resulted. She lost no opportunity for urging upon Aliza that she should induce Pierre to settle down permanently on the reserve. Bad feeling was thus engendered between Pierre and his mother-in-law, which eventually culminated in the young wife being persecuted

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## A Plea for the Restoration of a Time-Recorded Landmark

WESTMINSTER ABBEY TO BE RESTORED—AN APPEAL TO CANADA TO HELP IN THIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE.

Westminster Abbey! There is magic in the very name of that sacred edifice which teems with memories of past glories, and which still stands to register the beating pulse of our nationhood. What a marvellous and illustrious landmark it has been and is, in the history of the English! Her Kings have been crowned, and here men who have proven themselves kings, though not by royal birth, the greatest men of the ages, have been solemnly laid to rest.

Its majestic and imposing walls speak gently to the humble peasant, as to the mighty, of the world-famous Abbey which we have performed in the formation of the world's history, the commemoration of which has terminated there.

Without a history, without memories, without ideals, a nation would be bereft indeed. What fires the budding soul of youth to ambition and love of country more than the deeds of past brave and great men who have lived, loved and suffered for the good of their country and to elevate the fallen men, and where can be found such memories, such ideals, such history if not in the world-famous Abbey which we hope may stand to all posterity a loved and revered monument of all that is most beautiful in us?

It is a part of the life of our nation. It belongs to us, and we to it, and we believe that the promptings of our own loyal hearts is the only urge that we need to enable us to give this loved and lovable building the preservation and care which it deserves.

We have pleasure in printing the following letter which has been sent to the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Richard Lake, and which he desires to be passed on that it may speak to you for itself:

Government House, Ottawa, November 29th, 1920.

My dear Lieutenant-Governor, I am very glad to hear that you are far from suitable for making yet another appeal to the generosity of the people of Canada, but nevertheless I am hopeful that

I shall be glad to forward to the Dean of Westminster any contributions which you may be good enough to send to me.

Believe me, Yours very sincerely,

(sgd.) DEVONSHIRE

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## "What the Mirror Tells"

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there are many who will be willing to contribute to the Restoration Fund for Westminster Abbey, for which money is urgently needed.

I could not, of course, in the space of a letter attempt to remind you of all that the Abbey stands for, and means, but the question of a casual visitor, when we speak of Westminster Abbey, "Can any sacred building in the British Empire, compare with Westminster Abbey? It is not the most unique and priceless treasure of the English-speaking race."

Harold, the last of the Saxon kings, was probably the first monarch to be crowned in the Abbey, and the same spot every sovereign from William the Conqueror to George V. has been crowned and anointed, but the Abbey has never witnessed in all the wonderful story of nine centuries and a half a more striking ceremony when on Armistice Day "The Unknown Warrior"—perhaps a Canadian—was laid to rest and the King placed a wreath on the coffin with the inscription:

"In proud memory of those Warriors who died unknown in the Great War, Unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold they live."

Many Canadians will also recall that the Abbey was the home of their Battalion Colours during the war, and alike to the present and future generations the Abbey will always have a very special significance.

I need say no more beyond repeating that the necessity is very real.

An organized collection for funds is not required, but if you would be willing to make the nature of the appeal known to the public through the kindness of the press, or in other ways that occur to you, I am confident that there are many who would be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity to assist in the preservation of the most splendid and historic of all British monuments.

I shall be glad to forward to the Dean of Westminster any contributions which you may be good enough to send to me.

Believe me, Yours very sincerely,

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## The Printer-President

According to reports President-elect Harding of the United States is very much a printer and a thorough newspaper man in every way. He earned the money to pay his way through college by working at the trade. He is owner of the Marion (Ohio) Star and experienced in all the hardships and vicissitudes of pioneer newspaper building (including a visit from the sheriff).

President-elect Harding has condensed his newspaper experiences into a newspaper creed well worthy of being the creed of every newspaper in the land. Here it is:

Remember there are two sides to every question. Get them both.

Be truthful. Get the facts.

Mistakes are inevitable, but strive for accuracy. I would rather have one story exactly right than a hundred half wrong.

Be decent, be fair, be generous.

Boost—don't knock. There is good in everything. Bring out the good in everything, and never needlessly hurt the feelings of anybody.

In reporting a political gathering, give the facts, tell the story as it is, not as you would like to have it. Treat all parties alike.

If there is any politics to be played, we will play it in our editorial column. Treat all religious matters reverently.

If it can possibly avoid, never bring ignominy to an innocent man or child in telling of the misdeeds or misfortunes of a relative.

Don't wait to be asked, but do it without asking, and, above all, be clean and never let a dirty word or suggestive story get into type.

## Are You A Drifter

Life is a tempestuous ocean! In youth your feet bark like protected in the sheltered bays of home, blessed by the love of parents, happy in the tender ties of childhood days. In school days we venture further into the sea of knowledge to learn the realities of life, above all to acquire the great central-Christian character—so that our ship, equipped for the storms of life, may, with His loving hand to guide, steer a true course, "line upon line and precept upon precept," battling for the right, enduring the storms of adversity and affliction, never in doubt as to its destination, quick to pick up signals of distress, all eagerness to succor the ship wrecked, to through out a sun to the dawning, solving the storm-tossed, correcting the course of the wanderer, guiding back a wanderer to the true course, pointing out to the drifter the dangers of his course, the hidden rocks on which he will go down to disaster, leaving the perils of the deep, always viewing in faith the distant haven of rest, seeing God's wonders in the deep, and God's love over all in the beautiful things of life.

At last, our earthly voyage over, at anchor in the Heavenly harbor, "safe in our Father's house at last."

WINDSOR.—Some public officials are somewhat perturbed by a new problem of traffic administration. They find no great difficulty in coping with trucks, automobiles and motorcycles, but when the driver of a foreign motor gives an excuse for appearing that he is not driving a motor vehicle and anyhow was off to fetch the doctor, this situation becomes a difficult one. Legally the driver is said to be within his rights as motorists are not required to carry numbers and motor vehicles according to statute. The normal speed of the make man comes, when equipped with rubber

road wheels, now on closely riveted that of a motor truck, even when the driver is hauling two or more loaded wagons behind it that local authorities are seriously perturbed as to the future growth of this traffic. It is claimed that to handle all tractors would be a hardship on the majority of the types on the market are too slow to be seriously considered for road transportation purposes. The matter may be taken up with the Hon. F.C. Hughes in the near future.

## U. S. SENDS CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO 12 MILLION TREES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A Christmas gift of twelve million trees, to be used in reforesting the war devastated areas of France and Belgium and also certain sections of Great Britain was shipped to those countries today through their embassies here by the American Forestry Association. The gift of Christmas fir, collected from the west coast, a species which grows rapidly.

## Coming to The Gem



GERALDINE FARRAR  
in "The Sign of the Cross"  
at the Gem Theatre

## The Gem Theatre

Programme for Next Week

Monday and Tuesday

Special Feature

All Star Cast

## "Partners of Night"

Admission 35c

Wednesday and Thursday

## "Told In The Hills"

Starring Robt. Warwick

also

## Champion Jack

## Dempsey Serial

Friday and Saturday

Tom Moore in

## "Lord and Lady Algy"

## Alberta Done Well At Chicago Show

Calgary.—In previous years Alberta exhibits of cattle and grain brought away premier honors at the Chicago International Livestock and Grain Show and this year proved no exception. Prizes were won by Alberta exhibits in first, fourth and sixth places for steers coming from Alberta. University and local breeders; first and second in college special groups in three and five hundred and other awards in the Hereford and Aberdeen-Angus classes. In the grain exhibit, Alberta carried off the gold and seven additional prizes in oats, J. B. Kenna, of Calgary, winning the grand championship.

## TRAIN SERVICE

Main Cms C. P. R.

## WESTBOUND:

No. 3 ..... 7:43 p.m.  
No. 1 ..... 8:49 a.m.  
No. 4 ..... 5:50 p.m.  
No. 2 ..... 4:30 a.m.

## Branch Lines

Eastbound, Calgary to Edmonton via Irricana, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday; arr. Bassano 5:10 p.m. by Bassano 5:40 p.m.

Westbound, Emp. to Calgary via Irricana, Monday, Wednesday and Friday; arr. Bassano 2 p.m. by Bassano 2:30 p.m.

## The City Meat Market

### We Wish All Our Customers A Happy New Year

J. E. Bolton. Bassano

## Have Your Eye Troubles Corrected Now

Protect them from the white light rays of the winter's snow.

-- SEE --

## POWERS

The Optometrist

and enjoy the power of PERFECT VISION



## Home Dressed Meat Market

Bassano / E. G. HOLLY, Manager Alberta

# BANKRUPT Sale

-- OF --

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ROSEMARY, ALBERTA

The creditors say we have to turn this stock into Cash. In order to do so we will give customers goods at wholesale prices. This sale will last but a few days. Come and get our prices.

**We will save you from 25 to 35 percent ON ALL GOODS**

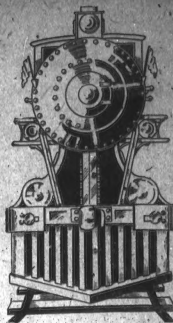
**C.C.N.Ltd., per E. T. WADDELL**

OTTAWA.—Telegrams are still pouring in from the finance department from automobile dealers asking rebates of manufacturers' tax paid on automobiles prior to cancellation of the tax last Monday. In anticipation of Wednesday's delegation when

the automobile men are to see the minister of finance, a fresh wheel of telegrams came to hand today. In their communications the automobile dealers practically all made the claim that they have stocked cars on which manufacturers' tax has

been paid but which they are now unable to collect from the customer. In this regard it is pointed out here that the cancellation of the tax was due to repeated representations from business firms to general that this tax was injuring trade.

## Prices on Merchandise Are Being "Railroaded" at Webster Bros.



The goods are here and we've sure lopped the profits off

We are selling Overshoes and Felts *at cost*  
Boys' and Men's Pullovers and Coat Sweaters are offered at *wholesale prices*

ALL DRYGOODS REDUCED

## WEBSTER BROS. LTD.

Happy  
New Year  
To All

**CURRIE & MILROY, LTD.**

Phone 69

Bassano, Alberta





# With Paragaphs For Busy People

THE WEEK'S NEWS IN TERSE TERMS

## British-Canadian Under Arrest

The Canadian consular officer in Manila has been disgraced and placed under arrest and complicity has been prepared for the prosecution of 78 consular officials, who admitted participation in the riot which resulted in the death of four Americans and seven Filipinos.

## Accidents on C.N.R. Lines

The headquarters of the Canadian government railways reported that the bodies of two accidents on the C.N.R. Robert Nation, a brakeman, was killed at Creek Pass, 145 miles west of Winnipeg. Fifteen cars and eight freight cars were derailed; three of them fell off the bridge and two of them plunged through the trestle into the water. Seven were loaded with coal and the rest were empty.

## Sally Wins for Fire Dollars

The aid of High Constable Richard E. Boyle was enlisted by a man of about 65 years of age from the coast by country who claimed his wife had taken a job with a farmer to look after and had failed to return home. Constable Boyle, an agent for the Children's Aid Society, drove out with the farmer and informed the woman that she was wanted to go to the court. "Oh, he does, does he?" mopped the woman. "Then I want to tell you that I am not his wife at all." "But I know you have been with him for fifteen years or more," Mr. Boyle said. "That's all right. Fifteen years ago this man came to my real home and said he would give \$5.00 for me and my husband said all right for me. I have promised to marry him, and we are engaged. The question is where I am now," retorted the woman. Constable Boyle, however, finally persuaded her to return to her old home.

## Hon. Chas. Dunning Has Operation

At the General Hospital, Regina, recently, the Hon. Chas. Dunning, provincial treasurer, underwent a successful operation for the removal of his tonsils. The operation was performed by his physician in the hope of relieving Mr. Dunning of periodical attacks of quinsy from the tonsils. The operation was a success and the patient is recovering rapidly.

## Paragaphs Plentiful

Paragaphs have become very numerous in the New Brunswick weeks over the 18th last that the province has been prohibited from shooting the birds. As a result it is not unusual for the game birds now to stray into Morden and parade through the streets. One even walked into a chicken house when he sat at dinner recently. They were quite unfearful and seemed at no particular hurry to leave the human habitation.

## Shall Shush and Harmony

One hundred and thirty previously injured men from military hospitals assembled in London recently for a "sing-song." They were suffering from nervous afflictions, shell shock and various degrees of paralysis, and they clapped their hands and sang quite unharmed and seemed at no particular hurry to leave the human habitation.

## Some Things in Toronto

Port Dalhousie, about thirty miles across Lake Ontario, has been plainly discernible from Toronto Island, and other points of vantage. The faint outline of the summer resort is often seen from one side of the lake, but the direct lines of land, trees and buildings have started lately. Every candle light in the place was plainly seen and counted.

## Bankers Attracted to Station

The night express to the Grand Trunk station at Port Credit, Ontario, has been held up by armed bandits for the second time this year, and yielded up the contents of a safe. Two men entered the office early in the morning and, on leveling a revolver, ordered Operator W. Collins to open the safe. The contents of the safe were not touched. The effect of the police to round up the bandits have so far been without success.

## Eight-Legged Pig Seen

Some days ago, a pig belonging to John Smith, farmer of Essex, was seen along near Milton, gave birth to a litter of piglets, of which he had eight legs of two and three ears. The owner of this pig is a local farmer who is valued by many interested farmers.

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A chaw from another man's pig is responsible for a case of small pox which has been lodged in the past house. Regina has two cases on its hands at present. One of these cases came from Manitoba on the train. He took a bite from a plug of tobacco which he burgled from another man. After he had taken the chaw he was released from quarantine two days previously.

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# The PERSONAL SIDE

PROMINENT WESTERN CHARACTERS—SOME INTERESTING ANECDOTES OF PEOPLE WE ALL KNOW.

## MR. PETER HOURIE

(Continued from last week)

### Indian Secret Societies and Medicines

It was wonderful how the Indians got along in those early times. They had secret societies something like Freemasons. To belong to one of those secret societies an Indian had to have a good, strong mind, and be able to keep a secret. Then if you wanted medicine, or anything else you would get whatever you wanted. Nothing was kept from you. If these Indian medicines were known they would be very valuable.

### Born in a Buckboard

In the course of conversation Mr. Hourie said: "One of my children was born in a buckboard. That was in 1881. My wife was coming home from Fort Ellice to Prince Albert. One of the boys was with her. She thought she would have time to get home before it happened, but two miles and a half from home she was taken sick. She told the boy to go into the bush, and she had the baby in the buckboard, and then went on home. When she drove up one of the girls saw there was something strange so she said, 'Mother, what's the matter?' My wife said, 'Oh, nothing,' and got out of the buckboard and walked into the house with the baby. That was Harry."

### Indian Prophecies: Starving Indians Relieved

Peter said: "The white people professed to have no faith in the prophecies of the Indians, but they went by them all the same—by the prophecies of the medicine men. The Indians believe in a bad herb, and a good herb. The Indians believe there is a herb for every ill in the human body—that is for every ill, there is a herb that will cure it. The medicine men are told sometimes by dreams what to use."

### Peter, in answer to a question whether he believed in Indian prophecies himself, said he had to from his own experience. For instance he said on one occasion there was no buffalo or anything. The medicine man came to my tent. I had one of these travelling tents. He said to me, 'My brother, we are going to have some meat today. I have seen our robe to it. It is very clear for us. We shall see a herd of buffalo to a hill and when we get over this hill our young men will kill a buffalo bull. That is the first meat we shall have.'

### "And," said Hourie, "by George it did take place. We were going out to the Elbow of the Saskatchewan. We travelled on, and every night he would do the same."

### The Last Indian Scalp

In March, 1898, Mr. Hayter Reed, ex-Indian Commissioner, wrote to Peter from Eastern Canada and said a friend of his was very anxious to obtain a scalp if he could possibly get one. He asked Peter to do the best he could. It was the last one taken in this country. It was taken on the banks of the South Saskatchewan close to the Vermilion Hills. The Cree killed quite a number of Blackfoot at times."

### Hourie's Opinion of Piapot

I asked Peter what he thought of Piapot, the noted and turbulent Indian chief. Peter replied, "Piapot was certainly the bravest Indian that ever travelled these plains. He proved it by his deeds, going to war and killing, and never running from it. All the Indians said he was as brave as a lion. There may be men who have taken scalps, but not one who has been on the path of going into enemy country and tackle the lion in his den the same as Piapot did."

### A Blackfoot Raid: After Buffalo Meat

### Hourie Sees Blackfoot Tortured to Death

We have seen that Mr. Hourie claimed that a certain medicine man prophesied correctly concerning the finding of a buffalo bull. This was in the neighborhood of the Elbow of the Saskatchewan. Continuing his story of the trip and of this same medicine man, it will be seen that the incidents of the trip included the witnessing of the torturing to death of a Blackfoot captive of the Cree.

### Mr. Hourie's own words were something as follows:

"Speaking of the Blackfoot, the medicine man said, 'Our namesake, the Blackfoot, have been coming into the Elbow. Our young men who are now out on scout will bring us news that they have seen the Blackfoot line coming.' "And," said Mr. Hourie, "sure enough it was as he said. When the scouts had brought in the news the medicine man said, 'Now, we shall have to take care of ourselves. We don't keep quiet, and we don't look out for ourselves. We will either get some of our horses stolen or be killed. From here we will go in this direction, and we are going to meet some more Indians—Qu'Appelle Indians. We shall meet them today, but tomorrow they will come to camp and bring word of lots of buffalo. The enemy will see us coming along. They will be afraid of us. Keep close together and we shall get plenty of buffalo.' "We met the Qu'Appelle Indians as the medicine man said we would, and next morning we had a run of buffalo. But," said Mr. Hourie, "it was not the same as he said. They were camped close to a spring. There was a splash. 'Of course,' he said, 'there must be a wolf around.' They call their enemies wolves. We got up in the morning. There had been no trouble in the night. We were going to the spring there were the marks of a man's bare feet. We



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Children of Today Are the Parents of Tomorrow. In Today's World, the Children of Tomorrow Will Be Their Heroes.

My dear Boys and Girls:

When you read this letter I suppose the great day has come and gone, but no doubt you have many pleasant memories of Christmas in the things which the spirit of Santa Claus left in your stocking, and I do hope that you are all feeling happy and contented with the gifts which you received.

This morning I received some rather interesting letters about pets owned by some of the readers of this corner, and I am printing one of these and will continue to do so each week as they come in and would then like to have letters telling me which letter you think the most interesting.

I have mentioned the weather many times this fall, have I not? Really it is a deerswing of mood because it is so mild and nice, it seems hard to believe that it is winter at all. As I write this letter Regina is very busy, the people are shopping and all look happy and interested in getting their Christmas goods.

I will not write more to you now but shall hope to hear from you each one at an early date.

AUNT BETTY.

Address: Aunt Betty, 903 McCullum-Hill Bldg., Regina, Sask.

## Letter to Aunt Betty

### A PET I KNOW

We have a pet dog his name is Rover he is long brown hair and he is about two and a half feet tall, he is a nice dog for children to play with. We taught him to shake hands with everybody, in the morning he comes to the door and asks to come, when we open the door he comes in and goes to everyone and gives them his paw.

We taught him all kinds of tricks we taught him to bring sticks to us when we throw them, but sometimes he would carry them away instead of bringing them back to us. We tried to teach him to shake hands but he never could, when we hold up a piece of bread and tell him to take it he would just jump up and take it out of your hand.

He is very kind to the little ones he lets them climb all over him pull his ears and hair he will never bite or growl at them he likes to play with them but he has one vrey bad habit and that is he always runs to other people's houses, he kept going away every day till at last we had to, my how he did hate to be tied he just howled and whined all the time for the first couple of days we did not like to hear him howl, so we let him go. The next night he went away, he came back in the morning with a hole through his jaw, some of neighbors had hurt him, but that did not hurt him much he went away very night just the same no matter what happened to him so we tied him up again and keep him tied day and night. I don't think he will ever learn to stay home as long as he lives.

Written by NELLIE DEGRAFF.

GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

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## THE REAL SANTA CLAUS

A young and rich man was walking one day through the streets of his native town, when he heard sounds of sorrow from the street below.

"That fellow last night," thought he, "has added my poor head easily."

(To be continued)

Little Hints for Odd Moments

How to Measure a Tree

Some of the natives of South America have a curious way of measuring a tree by a tower.

After going through many adventures he was in his box one day when it was caught up by a great bird, and carried out to sea, where it fell in the water.

The box was seen by the captain of a ship. Thus it was that the little Prince was rescued and returned to England in June, 1706.

Here we see the consequences of having grown familiar with people and things totally different from our own countrymen and their ways, for on his way home the Prince had been to the trees, the cattle and the people, made him begin to think himself in Lilliput!

Gulliver says that when he returned he was afraid of tramping on every traveller he met and often called out to them to stand out of the way. "When I came to my own house," he says, "one of the servants opened the door and I bent down to go in, in fear of striking my head. My wife ran out to embrace me, but I sprang upon her neck, thinking she could otherwise never reach me. In short, I behaved myself so queerly that they all thought I had lost my senses. In a short time my family, my friends and I came to an understanding, but my wife protested that I should never go to sea again."

When ordering goods by mail, send Dominion Express Money Order.

FOR THE TINY TOTS

Miss Kitty was rude at the table one day.

And would not sit still on her seat!

Regardless of all that her mother said,

From her chair little Kitty kept running away.

All the time they were eating their meal.

As soon as she saw that the beef was removed.

She ran to her chair in great haste.

But her mother such greedy behaviour reproved.

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HOW RIP VAN WINKLE WENT HOME

As Rip Van Winkle approached his native village after his long sleep he met a number of people, but none whom he knew, which surprised him. Their dress was a different fashion from that to which he was accustomed. They all stared at him in surprise and whenever they looked at him, stroked their chins. This at last caused Rip to do the same when, to his astonishment, he found his beard had grown a foot long!

He had now entered the outskirts of the village. A troop of strange children ran at his heels, hooting after him and pointing at his grey beard. The very village was altered; it was larger and of houses which he had never seen before and those which had been his familiar haunts had disappeared. Strange names were over the doors, strange faces at the windows—everything was strange.

THE WINNER

"We had a contest to decide the prettiest girl in our graduating class of 400."

"How did it turn out?"

"One girl got two votes."

One Organ Strong

Whatever may be the condition of our organs, it is just now, its apices are to be functioning excellently.

THE CHRONIC OPTIMIST

A group of war veterans were discussing Thanksgiving. One of the guests was a veteran who had lost both legs.

"And what have you to be thankful for?" they asked.

"Late," he replied. "I've got cut legs, and I can put on my socks with thumb tacks."

Different Sort

Little Edna was visiting the museum with her aunt.

In the Egyptian room the child saw the desiccated remains of an ancient queen and asked what it was.

"That is some one's mummy, dear," replied aunt.

"Goodness!" said Edna. "I'm glad my mummy doesn't look like that."

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## HOME-MADE CANDY

The following materials are needed: 1 pound of sugar, which is the same as two cups of sugar.

"Put the sugar, corn syrup and water in the cooking pot. The sugar is dissolved. Then add the finely chopped chocolate, and stir until melted. Cook gently, stirring constantly. Pour into a greased pan. After fifteen minutes set it in the refrigerator. When it has reached the soft ball stage, or if the thermometer reads 240° F. If so, remove the pan from the fire, stir in the butter and vanilla and beat the sandy unit it begins to cream and to show fine grains around the edges of the pan. Do not beat too long or a gloss will not show on the candy. Pour into a greased pan and mark in squares."

Dates With Fondant

For 20 dates we need half a cup of fondant. The fondant is made as follows: Beat the white of an egg until stiff, add three tablespoons of sugar and gradually mix in two cups of confectioner's sugar. When it is almost stiff add the vanilla, and when it rolls away in the form of a ball from the sides of the dish put it on a board powdered with confectioner's sugar. Knead it as though it were bread dough until it is well mixed. Roll the fondant into sticks about one inch wide and cut small pieces. Place a strip in the centre of each date and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

A CHEAPER CHRISTMAS CAKE

For those who feel that a "regular" Christmas cake is beyond their purse we are providing an alternative. The ingredients are: 1 cup of sugar, 1 cup of molasses, 1 cup of butter or substitute, 3 cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 3 eggs, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1 teaspoon ground cloves, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, 1 pound seedless raisins, 1 pound thinly sliced citron, 1 pound currants, 1 cup strong coffee.

Cream the butter and sugar well, and add the eggs well beaten to the mixture. Then stir the dry ingredients and add. Now beat thoroughly and add the chopped and floured fruit and beat again. Any quantity of dried candied fruits can be added. Bake very slowly in a moderate oven for two and one-half hours. The coffee should be poured or sprinkled carefully over the cake as it is taken from the oven. If baked in a covered roasting pan with the cover on until the last half-hour no coffee will be needed to soften the cake. This recipe makes a 4-pound cake and should be kept in a cool, but not too damp place, as the age improves the flavor.

As many of our readers have written asking for a good recipe for Scotch shortbread we give the following:

The Chronic Optimist

A group of war veterans were discussing Thanksgiving. One of the guests was a veteran who had lost both legs.

"And what have you to be thankful for?" they asked.

"Late," he replied. "I've got cut legs, and I can put on my socks with thumb tacks."

Different Sort

Little Edna was visiting the museum with her aunt.

In the Egyptian room the child saw the desiccated remains of an ancient queen and asked what it was.

"That is some one's mummy, dear," replied aunt.

"Goodness!" said Edna. "I'm glad my mummy doesn't look like that."

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## THE REAL SANTA CLAUS

A young and rich man was walking one day through the streets of his native town, when he heard sounds of sorrow from the street below.

"That fellow last night," thought he, "has added my poor head easily."

(To be continued)

Little Hints for Odd Moments

How to Measure a Tree

Some of the natives of South America have a curious way of measuring a tree by a tower.

After going through many adventures he was in his box one day when it was caught up by a great bird, and carried out to sea, where it fell in the water.

The box was seen by the captain of a ship. Thus it was that the little Prince was rescued and returned to England in June, 1706.

Here we see the consequences of having grown familiar with people and things totally different from our own countrymen and their ways, for on his way home the Prince had been to the trees, the cattle and the people, made him begin to think himself in Lilliput!

Gulliver says that when he returned he was afraid of tramping on every traveller he met and often called out to them to stand out of the way. "When I came to my own house," he says, "one of the servants opened the door and I bent down to go in, in fear of striking my head. My wife ran out to embrace me, but I sprang upon her neck, thinking she could otherwise never reach me. In short, I behaved myself so queerly that they all thought I had lost my senses. In a short time my family, my friends and I came to an understanding, but my wife protested that I should never go to sea again."

When ordering goods by mail, send Dominion Express Money Order.

FOR THE TINY TOTS

Miss Kitty was rude at the table one day.

And would not sit still on her seat!

Regardless of all that her mother said,

From her chair little Kitty kept running away.

All the time they were eating their meal.

As soon as she saw that the beef was removed.

She ran to her chair in great haste.

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## McKee's Stores

### Local and Personal

Mr. Harvey Smith and son spent Christmas at Weyburn, Sask.

Last Friday was the shortest day of the year.

J. F. Royce was in Calgary last week looking after a cap of cattle he shipped.

Lorne Webster, of Gleichen, was in town over Christmas.

Earl Beck is going to Montana next Monday to attend a convention of county agents there.

Miss Bryant of the Bank of Commerce staff spent Christmas at her home north of Bassano.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McCrary and family spent the week in Calgary.

Mr. Smith of Iricana has been transferred to the staff of the local branch of the Bank of Commerce.

Eastern Canada experienced a cold wave during Christmas, the thermometer going as low as 22 below zero.

A town the size of Bassano should have a resident photographer. There is a good opening here for a first class photographer.

Mrs. A. G. Bond is improving rapidly after being very ill. Her brother, Jerome MacDonald, of Oyen, is visiting at the Bond home.

Mrs. McKee entertained the junior class of the Presbyterian Sunday School at her home on Tuesday evening.

S. T. Lewis of Medicine Hat, has been appointed C.P.R. road-master at Empress, in the place of road-master G. Anderson, who has been transferred to the Kenora division.

Brooks is holding a curling bonspiel from January 1 to 15 and offering \$750 in prizes for competition. It is expected that several rinks from Bassano will attend thespiel.

A special meeting of Bassano local U. F. A. will be held in the Trading Co. hall at 2 p. m. on Jan. 8th, to discuss proposed wheat pool.

The weather turned out fine after the gold spell around Christmas. The thermometer rose to 30 above zero. A chinook wind carried most of the snow away.

Messrs. Cleve and Welsh of Countess, A. L. Frisberger of Glen, A. Deitz, of Majorville and W. Keigebler of Husar attended the celebration of the Festival of St. John at the local Masonic lodge on Monday night.

The Bassano U. F. A. local will hold a basket social and general solicitation in the Bassano Trading Co. hall on Jan. 7, 1921. Everybody invited, ladies are requested to bring lunch for two.

The C.N.R. officials endeavored to have the name of Stevedore on the Hanna-Medicine Hat branch, changed to "Wahlane." A vigorous protest resulted in the old name standing.

The estate of the late George Emerson, a well-known old-time rancher, is being probated. The total value of the estate is listed at \$90,000. Emerson conducted a ranch between the Red Deer river and Duck Lake in the old days.

Calgary Herald—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McDonald of Bassano are guests at the Palliser for a few days en route to Bankhead to spend Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCardell. They will make their home in Calgary on their return.

O. Wally, of Cluny, won Bill Fether's prize of a turkey for high score on the alloys. He got 107 pins Jimmie Simpson was second with 92 and Harry Graham third with 88. The latter two got boxes of cigars. The day the competition closed Frank Berry and E. H. McCaugherty stopped out and bowled close to 100.

The hockey club is getting under way and a number of plays have been rounded up. It is expected that Bassano will have a fairly good team this year, although the lack of the usual consequent lack of practice will handicap the players. Amongst the list of players who are expected to turn out are: J. Fairclough, Fether, Gerry, Crockett, Graham, Ferguson, Flath, Scott, McCaugherty, Curran, McDonald, Roop, Crawford, McCrary and others.

Messrs. Allen and Sereth of the Allen Photo-Play Corporation, were in town this week.

Christmas day passed quietly, many townspeople going to the cities for the holidays. There was little excitement except for a man and woman who lunched too much joyfully and paid \$10 apiece as a fine into Judge Bond's court.

The following extracts from "The Kiltan News" are sent us by the operators at that point with the laconic comment: "The result of far-60."

That Awful Phone  
Housewife: Say John, I have been trying to get Central all day but

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### ANOTHER VACANCY IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

OTTAWA.—The death of Oscar Gies opened another seat in the house of commons. The writ issued on Friday for a by-election in West Pemberton, was filled by the

last vacancy. Now there will also have to be a by-election in Yamaska, the constituency Mr. Gladu represented in the house of commons.

Under the terms of a recent statute a writ for a by-election has to be issued within six months of the seat becoming vacant.

The cost of the British army of occupation on the Rhine was £3,600,000 sterling a year.

Mexico expects to produce 144,000,000 barrels of oil by the end of this year.

The first city to attain a population of one million is believed to have been Babylon.

could not get through at all. I wish you would go down and see what the matter with our phone.

frate husband—to telephone operator next morning—I want you to have our phone repaired at once. I am not going to pay for such poor service any longer.

Telephone operator: There is nothing wrong with your phone. The

trouble is with you—you have not paid your last month's telephone account. Dig up and your phone will be connected.

Husband at dinner table: Is the phone all right now dear?

Dearest: Yes John, all right. Husband: I say that girl a piece of my mind and I'll bet they keep plenty of rental.

after. My phone rental and never tell your wife the cause of the trouble.

Several telephones were out of order this week. No, there was nothing wrong with the line nor the switch board, nor the hello girl.

Telephone operator: There is nothing wrong with your phone. The